



California Fair Political Practices Commission

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Roy Lockwood
327 South C Street
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Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-87-188

Dear Mr. Lockwood:

You have requested advice regarding the campaign reporting provisions of the Political Reform Act^{1/}.

QUESTION

Does the Political Reform Act restrict candidates from financing their own campaign?

CONCLUSION

There is nothing in the Act that prohibits a candidate from financing a campaign with personal funds. However, the recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Act apply to personal funds used by a candidate.

FACTS

You intend to be a candidate for local office, and do not intend to accept any donations for your campaign.

ANALYSIS

Candidates must file periodic campaign disclosure statements (Form 470 or 490, enclosed). If the total amount of contributions received during a calendar year is less than \$500, and the total amount of expenditures made during a calendar year is less than \$500, candidates who do not have a committee may file a "Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement - Short Form" (Form 470). Candidates which do not qualify to file the Form 470 must file a "Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement - Long Form" (Form 490). (Regulation 18406)

^{1/}Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated. Commission regulations appear at 2 California Administrative Code Section 18000, et seq. All references to regulations are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Administrative Code.

Personal funds used by a candidate in support of his or her election are "contributions" received, and are subject to disclosure. (Regulation 18215(a)(2)(A).) In addition, the payments made from a candidate's personal funds are "expenditures" which must be reported. (Regulation 18225(a)(2)(A).) An expenditure of \$100 or more to a single source must be itemized on the campaign disclosure statement. (Section 84211(c).)

In addition to the campaign reporting requirements, the Act requires that candidates keep specified records of receipts and expenditures. (Section 84104.) These recordkeeping requirements are set out in Part IX (page 35) of the enclosed "Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provisions of the Political Reform Act."

To determine when campaign statements must be filed, please refer to Part II, Section C (on page 10) of the information manual.

A candidate for city council files campaign disclosure statements with the clerk of the city. (Section 84215(e).)

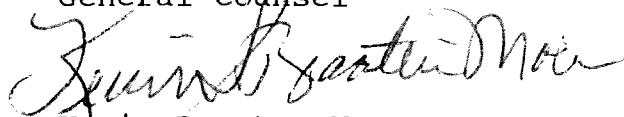
Additionally, we suggest you contact the City of Oxnard for advice on any local ordinances which regulate local campaigns.

If you have any questions or need any additional help, please call the Technical Assistance and Analysis Division at (916) 322-5662.

Sincerely,

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1. I am contemplating being a candidate in the 1988 Oakland City Council Municipal Election for the office of City Council man.
2. I am not going to accept any contributions and will finance my own campaign with my own personal funds.
3. Do there any FPFC rules, regulation, law, etc which would be violated by a candidate financing his own campaign by use of the candidates personal funds?
4. Thank you for your cooperation in regard to the above and reply.

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